



## Fox Waterway Agency

# Remote/Electronic Meeting Minutes

~~November 17, 2021~~ December 15, 2021

**Recording Secretary:** David W. McArdle

**1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Blake

**Meeting conducted by Chairman Blake**

**Present:** Chairman Wayne Blake, Directors Chuck Haling, Jim Meyer, Christine Stochl, Jason Hettermann, and Dan Mitchell

**Absent:** Director Bill Hellyer

**FWA Also Present:** Agency Attorney David W. McArdle, Executive Director Joe Keller, Field Superintendent Rob Bowman, Advisory Committee Pat Smarto

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Director Stochl made a motion to approve the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Stochl, Hettermann, and Mitchell

Absent: Director Hellyer

Abstain: Director Meyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

**4.0 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Bills & Other Financials**

**4.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Director Mitchell provided the Treasurer's Report which reflects a cash balance of \$1,418,501.62 through 11/30/21.

**MOTION:** Director Mitchell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Mitchell

Absent: Director Hellyer

Nay: None

The Motion carried.

<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of Bills</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell presented the monthly bills for payment and ratification of bills previously paid as follows: November bills prepaid total \$66,940.09; December bills prepaid total \$55,682.01; additional checks paid during the month total \$2,885.65; and current unpaid bills totaling \$116,720.03, for a total amount of bills paid and to be paid of \$242,227.78.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to ratify and pay all the outstanding bills including approval of debits and checks prepaid all totaling \$242,227.78. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Mitchell  Absent: Director Hellyer  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>A/R Report</b></p> <p>Director Mitchell reported that the current accounts receivable as of 12/13/21 total \$720.00.</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p>
<p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>DCEO Grant Update.</b></p> <p>Director Meyer informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass Island – award amount \$350,000; invoice of \$72,000 paid; balance of project in May 2022; up to \$150,000 expected to be spent over budgeted amount.</li> <li>• Equipment Grant – FWA trying to get extension of time on grant; equipment parts delayed; expecting final delivery/assembly by April 2022.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p><b>Wall Street development and soil processing update.</b></p> <p>Executive Director informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year-end soil sales:  2020 -- \$63,000  2021 -- \$98,000.</li> <li>• Lake County entitlement being processed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>Trinski Island Regulatory Update.</b></p> <p>Director Stochl informed the Board that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDNR – indicated current plan for Trinski project is too large; scope of island project being reduced is being considered; Peter Berini is FWA consultant working on IDNR concerns.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p>
<p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann made a motion to approve Rob Bryson as a new member of the Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer. A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p>Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Mitchell  Absent: Director Hellyer  Nay: None  The Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>6.2</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell presented the preliminary 2022 budget for consideration by the Board at the next meeting.</p>

<b>6.3</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Director Hettermann presented, and the Board discussed potential 2022 dredging projects.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Executive Director</b> – Year in review; Agency getting things done; believes Agency is better off this year than last year.
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Advisory Committee Reports &amp; Recommendations</b> Chairman Smarto reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat show cancelled – covid – no supply of boats.</li> <li>• Next meeting in February.</li> <li>• Next project – Waterway cleanup.</li> </ul>
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Field Superintendent Report</b> Field Superintendent Bowman reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dutch Creek Woodlands started; 500 loads removed.</li> <li>• Coopers project has begun.</li> <li>• Equipment under maintenance during winter.</li> <li>• Working with staff to summarize projects completed and summary of expenses to be presented next month.</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Directors Reports</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Directors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Haling – No report.</li> <li>• Director Meyer – No report.</li> <li>• Director Stochl – No report.</li> <li>• Director Hettermann – Thanked staff for participating in Johnsburg Christmas event.</li> <li>• Director Hellyer – Absent.</li> <li>• Director Mitchell – No report.</li> </ul>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Chairman</b> – No report.
<b>Public Comment</b> –	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	
<b>MOTION:</b> Director Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:10 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Director Stochl. A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Directors Haling, Meyer, Stochl, Hettermann, and Mitchell Absent: Director Hellyer Nay: None The Motion carried.	
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.	

Approved: 12/15, 2021



Director Haling, Secretary